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### Wetlands Conservation Crosses Milestone

Earlier this month, wetlands conservation efforts reached a major milestone. On Sept. 9, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced that the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) program has allocated more than \$1 billion in federal grants. Much of this funding will go to projects approved by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, of which I am a member.

In addition to the \$1 billion in grants from the federal government, more than \$2 billion in matching funds have been put into more than 1,900 projects on the ground – more than double the federal government's investment in the program. Each dollar allocated to a NAWCA project by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must be matched by at least \$1 from other sources – usually state governments, non-profit groups, and other community groups.

Arkansans are proud of our state's conservation efforts, and I have been proud to support funding for NAWCA and will continue to do so in the future.

With Arkansas Pride,



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